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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2001

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, we return to the work of this busy month ahead with the words and the music of the Independence Day celebration sounding in our souls. Now that the fireworks are over, work in us the fire of patriotism that has been the secret of truly great leaders throughout our history. We pray for the women and men of this Senate. Enlarge their hearts until they are big enough to contain the gift of Your spirit; expand their minds until they are capable of thinking Your thoughts; deepen their mutual trust so that they can work harmoniously for what is best for this Nation. You know all the legislation to be debated and voted on before the August recess. Grant the Senators a profound trust in You, a deep desire to seek Your will, and an unlimited supply of Your supernatural strength.

With renewed interdependence and deep dependence on You as fellow patriots, galvanize the Senators in the spirit of our founders expressed in their reliance on You and the pledge of their lives, fortunes, and their sacred honor for the next stage of Your strategy for America. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as the Chair announced, we are going to be in morning business until 1 p.m. At 1 p.m. the Senate will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill under the previous order which calls for amendments to be offered prior to 6 p.m.

Over 40 amendments have been filed. I hope and guess that probably all of those will not be offered before 6 o'clock. But I would say to the Chair that I hope Senators will come to the

floor and offer those amendments, debate them, so arrangements can be made as to whether the managers will accept the amendments or whether a time will be set in the future for votes. It is the leader's expectation we will finish this bill tomorrow. There are other appropriations bills we would like to finish this week also. In fact, the leader has every desire to finish the Interior appropriations bill and the supplemental bill this week. We will hear more from the leader at a subsequent time. But these are the two bills we must finish this week, and if we can finish them Thursday, that will be fine. I am sure, if we can't, the leader will want to go into Friday to complete the bills, or if it takes longer than that. I think they are both capable of being finished very quickly.

There are no rollcall votes today. There will be no rollcall votes until 2:15 tomorrow after the party caucuses.

### BIPARTISAN PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we adjourned for the recess, the Senate passed the bipartisan McCain-Kennedy-Edwards Patients' Bill of Rights and proved that protecting patients' rights is not a partisan issue. We can all be proud of the strong bipartisan compromises we reached which have the support of virtually every health care provider group in this country. This bill has achieved such overwhelming support because it represents a balanced approach to ensuring patient safety and health plan accountability

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